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Purificn. of acetic acid and acetic anhydride - by contact with ozone and distn. of the prod. mixt. to remove methyl crotonate and vinyl acetate

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Abstract (Basic): EP 578193 A

Purificm. of acetic acid and/or acetic anhydride contg. methyl crotonate and/or vinyl acetate as impurities, comprises: a) contacting the mixt. with O3; and b) distn. of the prod..

Pref. the acetic acid and/or acetic anhydride is produced, using a catalyst comprising an Rh component and a methyl halide, by reacting CO with: (1) MeOII and/or methyl acetate, (2) MeOH and/or dimethyl ether. The mixt. to be purified is fed to the middle or upper section of the distn. column and a low-boiling impurity fraction is recovered from the top of the column. The distn. column height is Hd, the feed height from the base of the column is Hi and the height to the recovery pt. is Hr. such that the ratios are Hi/Hd = 50-80% and Hr/Hd = 0-40%. The column contains 20-80 trays and the low-boiling impurity fraction is partly recovered from the top of the column, with the remaining overhead liq. being returned as reflux; purified acetic acid and/or acetic anhydride being recovered as vapour from the 1st-5th plate from the bottom; and a high-boiling fraction impurity being recovered from the bottom of the column.

USE/ADVANTAGE - The process can be used to purify the desired prods. simultaneously or separately on a commercial scale. The impurities which are difficult to remove by conventional techniques are eliminated to give high quality prods. having excellent residence time in the potassium permanganate (''chameleon'') test. The process is simple to perform is economical, safe and effective even for large amts. of impurities.

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